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PRICE THREE CENTS.

FACTS ABOUT WILMINGTON.

The following facts will give strangers some idea of the size, the wealth and the advantages of Wilmington:
Estimated population, 70,000.
Assessment of property, \$39,190,237.
Public debt, about \$3,000,000.
Tax rate on \$100 of assessment, \$2.00.
Area of city, 10.18 square miles.
Area of parks, 254 acres.
Number of wards, 12.
Miles of electric railways, 25.
Miles of sewers, 40.96.
Miles of streets, 95.3.
Miles of improved streets, 32.08.

Good Morning, Neighbor!

We're glad to see you and happy in the thought that you are soon to visit us, for we are quite sure you'll include us in your right-seeing—if we could transfer a description of our big store and little prices on this page you would say a visit to Wilmington would be worth the expense, to see a store and an assortment of goods that you thought existed only in the largest cities—in fact knowing ones say we are years ahead of the town, but then that's better than being behind, isn't it?

We want you to come in and make yourself at home—plenty of room here—let it be a visit of instruction. We'll not ask you to buy, but if you desire to do so you'll find us willing to sell and then your visit will be one of profit. We can save you money, and in addition to our low prices freight is paid to your station.

Large Assortment.

Prices Marked in Plain Figures.

Coaxing Methods Not Used to make sales.

Freight Paid to All Points.

M. MEGARY & SON,

SIXTH AND TATNALL STS.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

CARPETS,

FURNITURE,

DRAPERIES.

Crosby & Hill.

We are showing a large and attractive stock of

NEW DRESS GOODS

of every description with many Special Bargains, which the shrewd economical cash buyer should see. Money-saving bargains they are. We have an immense collection of Dress Fabrics, the nicest and newest things from 25 cents to \$1.75 a yard.

We are particularly strong in our black Dress Goods stock. The assortment is large, embracing the latest novelties. Think of a 45 inch Black Henrietta for 25 cents instead of 37½ cents. Think of a good Storm Serge, black and navy blue at 25 cents.

Our silk stock is very full and we think you will find our prices about 10 per cent, under the regular prices.

Those Irresistible Austrian Silks at 25 cents are great sellers. Those Changeable Armure Silks at 32 cents are very cheap, and attractive beautiful things in checks, stripes and fancy styles for waists and dresses at economical prices.

We have great value in Table Linens, Napkins, and Towels. Look at our 20-cent Damask; cannot be equalled today for less than 35 cents. We have a magnificent Croquet Spread at \$1; match it if you can for \$1.25. Great values in Shirt Waists, Skirts and Tailor-made Suits; the newest and best things thoroughly up-to-date, and the prices very small.

Best values in Stockings, Gloves, Mullin and Gauze Underwear, Corsets, Ribbons, Trimmings and small wares. A large up-to-date and very complete lining department.

We give trading stamps in addition to the very lowest cash prices.

Crosby & Hill,

605 607 and 609 Market Street

WILMINGTON, DEL.

BE SURE AND GO ON THE EXCURSION TO WILMINGTON, Delaware, APRIL 6 and 7, '98

SINGLE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP.
Tickets Good on Any Regular Train Wednesday, April 6th, Going, and Any Regular Train Returning April 6th and 7th.

The Committee have provided a first-class entertainment at the Opera House for the evening of April 6th. Reserved seats free will be given to any one presenting their railroad ticket at Opera House by 4 o'clock P. M. Also free trolley ride over the entire city to all excursionists who will stop at 8th and Market between 2 and 4 P. M. You are all invited to be the guests of Wilmington on April 6th and 7th.

China, Glass, Lamps, Cutlery.

Everything they wear—Clothing, Store Furnishings, Hats and Shoes, Big stocks, new styles and popular prices. Men Five departments: Ready-made Clothing, Custom Tailoring, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes. Boys Hats and Shoes. One low price only plainly marked on every article. Cash buying, careful, personal management and liberal treatment to customers makes lowest prices and satisfactory trading. Big assortment of new spring goods in every department. We can save you money. We will sell you good goods and we guarantee every article to give satisfaction. Stop in and see us. Look through our establishment. Visitors always welcome.

JAS. T. MULLIN & SON,
Clothing, Sixth and
Hats, Market,
Shoes, Wilmington.

LAWTON'S CHINA BAZAAR,

611 Market Street,

Wilmington, Del.

KENNARD & Co.,

621-623 Market Street,

WILMINGTON, - DEL.

10 Per Cent Reduction

You are invited. We want you and the public to see our stock of goods and get our prices. In order to introduce ourselves to the public we offer the following

on April 6 only on everything in our line.

All kinds of Leather Goods, Harness, Trunks, Bags, Turf Goods, Sulkies and Road Carts, Don't miss this opportunity.

FRANK S. DURE Co

411 Market Street,

408 Shipley Street

Wilmington, Del.

This means \$10.00 worth of goods for \$9.

KENNARD & Co.

WILMINGTON, - DEL.

Largest Stock and Lowest Prices in the city.

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The Big Store

AT SEVENTH AND MARKET STS.,

IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Is filled with the GOOD PHILADELPHIA-MADE CLOTHING, sold direct from the factory to the consumer, at the entire saving of the dealers' profit.

THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

is worthy of quick attention from all thrifty parents.

Men's New Spring Suits

\$5 to \$15.

Hats, Furnishings, Bicycles,

Bicycle Suits.

PHILADELPHIA.

7th and Market Sts., Wilmington, Delaware.

Pianos. Organs.

Ho for Wilmington on the

Excursion of April 6.

ARE YOU GOING?

Of Course You Are and

You Will Not Regret it.

You will see fine stores in every line of business. One of the most prominent among them is the

Large Music House and

Piano Warerooms of

Robelen & Co.

A visit to this establishment will prove both interesting and profitable.

They will show you a large stock of beautiful Pianos and Organs from the factories of the most reliable manufacturers in the country. Among them are

STEINWAY & SONS.

WM. KNABE & CO.

J. & C. FISCHER.

KROEGER & CO.

SCHUBERT.

FRANKLIN.

WALDORF.

and the celebrated

CROWN PIANOS AND ORGANS.

They are also general agents for the great talking machines.

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS AND

COLUMBIA GRAPHOPLANS

with RECORDS AND SUPPLIES.

Their stock of Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars, Violins and Capital and Olympic Music Boxes is full and complete.

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ESTABLISHED 1843.

J. & J. N. HARMAN

410 KING ST.,

411 FRENCH ST.,

Wilmington, Del.

Furniture,

Carpets,

Bedding.

Up-to-date styles in

all kinds of furniture

and at Lowest Prices.

We give no rebate,

trading stamps or car

fare, but you will more

than save the differ-

ence.

We do not add them

to our prices.

Bear in mind that

nowhere do you get

\$1 for 90c.

See our goods and

get our prices before

buying elsewhere.

E. B. RILEY.

We take the lead in Hosiery,

Gloves, Ribbons, Dress Trimmings,

Notions, Corsets and

Infants' wear.

All the desirable and nec-

essary fixings for the baby

are here in a separate depart-

ment, Cashmere Coats, Rec-

fers, Long and Short Dresses,

Caps and Hats, Coach Covers,

Sacques, Soft Sole Shoes,

Hosiery, Veils, Bands, etc.

We keep the best known

makes of Hosiery in Ladies',

Men's and Children's at be-

fore-the-tarif prices.

One of the most attractive

features of our store is the

Kid Glove Department. We

have a long-established rep-

utation for the excellent

quality of our Gloves and, as

you all know, the prices are

always the lowest.

228 KING ST.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

New Spring Goods

Just Received.

And open for your inspection. A

call from you requested.

L. HEISS,

Merchant TAILOR,

NO. 4 EAST THIRD ST.,

WILMINGTON, - DEL.

The Reason We Can
Work So Cheap

Is because we have our own
Factory and do not have to
pay anyone a commission
for doing work.

All work is pressed and finished for the
following PRICES:

GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING.

CLEANED

Suits French Dry Cleaned . . . \$1.50
Suits Secured . . . 1.00
Pants Dry Cleaned50
Pants Secured50
Overcoats Dry Cleaned . . . 1.00
Overcoats Secured75

Suits Dried \$1.50
Suits Secured 1.00
Pants Dry Cleaned50
Pants Secured50
Overcoats Dry Cleaned . . . 1.00
Overcoats Secured75

Ladies' Clothing Cleaned and Dyed
at Reasonable Prices.

Suits Altered and Repaired. Velvet Collars
put on Overcoats. Coats and Vests Re-lined,
new Binding on Coats and Vests and new
Buttons put on all Clothing. The Hartford
Dyeing and Finishing Works will clean and
press pants free of charge, once a week, for
all gentlemen who patronize them with their
work.

Goods sent by Express will be promptly
sent and delivered in four days.

HARTFORD
Dyeing and Finishing Works,
210 West Seventh Street, between Orange
and Tenth Sts., Wilmington, Del.

Managed by W. M. BROOKS.

Lumber...
and Coal

BUILDING LUMBER of all kinds
INCLUDING

Yellow Pine and
Hemlock Frame,
White Pine and
Hemlock Boards
and Fencing,
Siding, Flooring,
Shingles—

(Several Grades)

Roofing Lath,
Plastering Laths
and Pickets.

MILL WORK OF ALL KINDS!
Paints of the Best Manufacturers.

BUILDING AND AGRICULTURAL

...LIME...

DRAIN TILE and Woven Cedar
PICKET FENCE.

BEST VEINS OF
HARD AND SOFT COAL.

FULL STOCK! LARGE VARIETY!

G. E. HUKILL

Middletown, Del.

J. B. FOARD

GRAIN

Commission Merchant,

MARKET PRICE PAID FOR

...GRAIN...

By Railroad and Boat upon orders from R. L.

Rogers & Co.,

OFFICE ON RAILROAD AVENUE
Opposite the Depot.

MIDDLETOWN DEL.

MAJOR A. SMITH,

PROPRIETOR OF THE

Diamond State Restaurant,

Has Removed from

NOS. 7 AND 9 FRENCH STREET TO

No. 122 Market St.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

Meals at All Hours.

Roast Dinners and Poultry—the

Best in the City.

FOR

Fly Wire,

Tin Ware,

Gum Hose,

Agate Ware,

Door Screens,

Croquet Sets,

Wooden Ware,

Window Screens,

Ice Cream Freezers,

GO TO

W. S. LETHERBURY'S,

DEALER IN

Hardware, Stoves, Tinware

WE are now open for the

fall and winter season.

Highest Cash Prices Paid for

Live & Dressed Poultry

Game, Eggs and Squabs.

Every day in the week. Also

Fruit and Produce bought or

handled on commission.

GREEN BROS.,

DELAWARE.

Edwin R. Cochran, Jr.,

Attorney-at-Law!

NO. 97 MARKET STREET,

Wilmington, Delaware.

Consumption

AND ITS
CURE

To the Editor:—I have an absolute
remedy for Consumption. By its timely use
thousands of hopeless cases have been already
permanently cured. So proof-positive am I
of its power that I consider it my duty to
send free bottles for those of your readers
who have Consumption, Throat, Bronchial
or Lung Trouble, if they will write me their
express and postoffice address. Sincerely,
GEO. L. JONES, M. D., 133 Pearl St., New York.

The Editorial and Business Management of
this Paper Guarantees the genuineness of the
Proposition.

GEO. L. JONES,

700 Delaware Avenue.

Wilmington, Del.

Designer and
Manufacturer of

...ARTISTIC...

MEMORIALS

—IN—

MARBLE AND GRANITE

Washington

... Letter

RESIDENT McKinley

Kinley is master

of the diplomatic

game that Spain

wanted to play.

He has sent the

report of the

Naval Court of

Inquiry, that the

Maine was

treacherously blown up from the outside,

to Congress, where it has been re-

ferred to committees, and has merely

forwarded a copy of the report to

Spain, without accompanying it with

any specific demand. He has thus de-

fied the intention of Spain to play

its own alleged report, that the ex-

plosion was internal, against the report

of our Court and to ask that an in-

ternational court be selected to deter-

mine which report should be accepted by

both countries. Spain had hoped to

gain more time by that dispute, but no

dispute is to be recognized by this

government. The report of our Court

is final. Spain now has an opportunity

to offer to do the right thing, but no

matter what it does, President McKin-

ley intends, as all the world will see in

a very few days, that peace shall reign

in Cuba, and starvation cease to stalk

over the island.

The Congressional leaders of all

parties have been taken into the con-

fidence of President McKinley, as to

his plan, and in return they have prom-

ised that congress would not take pre-

cipitate action on the Maine report, but

would allow the matter to rest until the

President diplomatically informs Spain

of his intentions as to Cuba, and as-

certains whether Spain's intentions

will be peaceably acquiesced in, or

met by war. Mean-

while, the President accepts the hint of

the Spanish government that the fleet

of torpedo boats sent to destroy the

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Middletown Directory.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

President, J. F. McWhorter; Secretary, J. A.

Stydam; Treasurer, Howell; George G. Howe;

Wm. R. Cochran.

BANKS.

Peoples National Bank—President, G. W.

W. Naudin; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers,

W. G. Lockwood. Bank Building on East

Main Street.

Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph

Biggs; Cashier, John R. Crouch; Tellers,

J. A. Stydam, Bank Building on South Broad

Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 3, J. O. U. A. M.

Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's

Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets

first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall

at 8 o'clock.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's

Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 13, K. of P. Meets every

Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at

8 o'clock.

Major John Jones Post, No. 2, G. A. R.

Meets every Friday night in Reynolds Build-

ing at 7 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs, Meets

every second and fourth Friday night in K.

of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W. Meets every

second and fourth Tuesday night in McWhorter's

Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Home Company, meets first Fri-

day night of each month in Home House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL. APR. 2, 1898

men in the militia, it is believed that they
will be all the soldiers that will be
used. It would be possible to mass
the entire militia force of the country
at any given point well inside of ten
days. There appears to be some doubt
in some quarters as to the President's
authority to thus utilize the state mil-
itia, but there is none among officials in
Washington, who have made a study
of the subject.

One of the results of the recent ac-
tivity on the part of the government in
preparing for exigencies is that every
port on our coast in which any con-
siderable damage could be done by war-
ships of an enemy, is so well defended
that experts declare that it would be
an absolute impossibility for the entire
naval force of Spain to cause a single
one of them, and that for Spanish war-
ships to even attempt to do so would
result in their almost certain destruc-
tion. Thanks to an alert President, a
patriotic Congress, our sea-coast
cities are safe from either invasion or
serious damage from a foreign enemy.

LEANING TOWER OF PISA.

In April "St. Nicholas," John Ward

writes of "The Bell-Towers of Italy."

Mr. Ward says of the most famous of

them:

Pisa seems like a sleeping city as she

lies so quietly and silently along the

banks of the river Arno. She fell

asleep several hundred years ago, after

she had struggled valiantly her fortitu-

dude and had won renown

during the fierce contests between the

Guelphs (partisans of the Pope) and the

Ghibellines (partisans of the Emperor)

Though Pisa has long since forgotten

the days of her greatness, the world

cannot forget when it looks upon that

wonderfully beautiful group of

four marble-white buildings standing

apart in the sacred corner; the Cathed-

ral, the Baptistery, the Campo Santo

(or Burial-ground), and what interests

us most of all, the remarkable Cam-
panile, so well known as the "Leaning
Tower."

This famous tower was

built in 1174. Its construction is pecu-

liar: there is in the center a hollow

brick tube or cylinder; around this

plain round tower the architects built

eight stories of open galleries, with beau-

tiful, slender columns of white marble

supporting semicircular arches.

The general effect is one of great deli-

cacy and lightness, a fair-like tower of

wonderful grace. The summit is 179 feet

from the ground. As you all know the

tower leans thirteen feet out of the

perpendicular, and looks as if it would

surely fall over at any moment; but, as

the center of gravity is still within its

base, it is as safe as if it were erect.

The foundations were probably imper-

fectly built at the start, for the tower

began to lean before it was half fin-

ished; and we can see where at one

point the builders tried to bring the

base as much as possible to the vertical

by making the columns on the low side

higher than the others. The walls, too,

are strengthened with iron bars.

Fancy the consternation of the archi-

tects when they saw their beautiful

tower leaning over, and its foundations

sinking in the ground! It requires very

steady nerves to carry us to the top,

and we find ourselves clinging to the

wall when we are on the leaning side.

This is what Chas. Dickens says

about the tower in his "Pictures from

Italy": "In the course of the ascent

to the top the inclination is not very

apparent; but at the summit it becomes

so, and gives one the sensation of being

in a ship that has heeled over through

the action of an ebb-tide. The effect

upon the low side, so to speak, looking

over from the gallery, and seeing the

shaft recede to its base, is very startling;

and I saw a nervous traveler hold on to

the tower involuntarily, after glanc-

ing down, as if he had some idea of

propping it up."

When we reach the summit we must

not forget that this was where the great

astronomer Galileo watched the stars,

experimented on the fall of bodies, and

studied the law of gravitation. Here, too,

in the upper story, hang the six

bells, the largest of which weighs more

than 12,000 pounds. The bell-founders

of Pisa had a wide reputation for

America's Greatest Medicine

The following is a characteristic Hood's
Sarsaparilla testimonial. Facts like
these have made Hood's Sarsaparilla
America's Greatest Medicine and en-
dured it to thousands of homes scat-
tered all over this broad land.



"We like to tell what Hood's Sarsaparilla
has done for us. Our four children
had diphtheria. From the very first our
little boy Ralph, then seven years old, was

very sick and for several days it seemed
as if he would never be any better. After
a while he began to improve and in a few
weeks was able to go out, although weak
and miserable. Then, gradually

All Strength in His Limbs